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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment A** with the (clean) paragraph as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the original paragraphs is shown in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 15 and 16. Please cancel these claims.

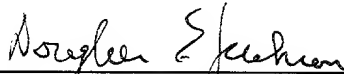
**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, various clarifying corrections have been made in the specification. In the claims, claims 15 and 16 have been deleted.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Clean Replacement Paragraphs

*At the following locations, replace the previously provided paragraph with the following clean paragraph(s).*

*Page 3, lines 12-19.*

The filter element is preferably disposable. Preferably, the filter assembly is removably coupled to a drive means, for example a motor, so that the filter assembly may be renewed without having to renew the drive motor. The filter assembly may be mounted in a cartridge as described in our concurrently filed application Serial No.

\_\_\_\_\_ (attorney docket no. P07243US00), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In such a case, the filter assembly may be located on the cartridge and the drive motor on the main analysis unit.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Marked Up Replacement Paragraphs

*At the following locations, a marked up copy of the replaced paragraph is provided.*

*Page 3, lines 12-19.*

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